

Developmental Disabilities Council

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1. Bills of Interest (update on legislative issues)
2. Presentation materials on Division of Developmental Disabilities

Background/Summary:

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Discussion

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DSHS Division of Developmental Disabilities

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The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) operates and funds residential and other support services for eligible clients with developmental disabilities.

- 2003-05 Biennial Budget:
 - \$1.3 billion Total Funds, \$677 million GF-S
 - 10% of all DSHS GF-S expenditures
 - 3,384 FTEs
- Five state-operated institutions: Fircrest School (Shoreline), Rainier School (Buckley), Frances Haddon Morgan Center (Bremerton), Lakeland Village (Medical Lake), and Yakima Valley School (Selah).
- An average of 31,800 clients in FY 2004:
 - 1,035 clients served in institutions
 - 30,784 community clients



The Division of Developmental Disabilities provides an array of services...

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- Community Residential Placements
- Family Support Services
- Case Management
- Professional Services (health services and therapies)
- Transportation
- Employment & Day Services
- Early Childhood Intervention
- Respite Care
- Personal Care
- Residential Habilitation Centers (RHCs)



...and the majority of clients access those services through a provider in the community.

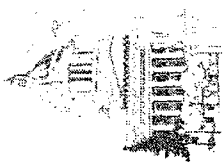
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- There are 6 regional DDD administrations, which serve as a single point of intake and determination of eligibility for DD services.
- Division staff: provide case management, determine eligibility, coordinate planning and development of resources, and monitor services.
- DDD operates two residential programs: Residential Habilitation Centers (RHCs) and State Operated Living Alternatives (SOLAs).
- Contract service providers provide all other direct services to Division clients.



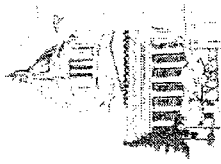
Eligibility for services is a three step process:

- Be determined to have a developmental disability;
- Be assessed as needing services;
- Meet financial and other eligibility requirements:
 - "Regular" Medicaid (Medicaid Personal Care & RHCs)
 - Waivered Medicaid Services
 - State-funded programs



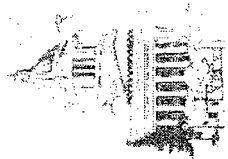
An individual who has certain conditions that start before age 18 is determined developmentally disabled.

- Those conditions are defined as:
 - Mental Retardation
 - Developmental Delay (ages birth to 6)
 - Cerebral Palsy
 - Epilepsy
 - Autism
 - Or another neurological or other condition found by the secretary to be closely related to mental retardation or to require treatment similar to that required for individuals with mental retardation.
- Neither financial or service needs are considered when making this determination.



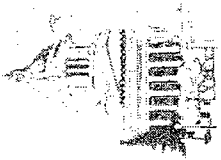
Most of the services provided by the Division are “optional” Medicaid services.

- Washington’s “regular” Medicaid program
 - Provides personal care (MPC) and ICF/MR services administered by DDD.
- Washington’s “waiver-based” Medicaid program
 - Home and community-based service waiver programs provide an alternative to institutionalization for eligible individuals.
 - State, with federal approval, sets criteria for eligibility and level of services provided.
 - Primarily administered and implemented by the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and Aging & Adult Services.
- State funded services
 - State sets all aspects of the program including eligibility, services, and any limitations.
 - Examples include employment & day programs and family support for some clients.



How do Medicaid state plan services differ from services provided through home and community-based waiver programs?

- Anyone meeting both financial and categorical eligibility criteria for Medicaid are “entitled” to the services offered through the Medicaid state plan.
- States have greater flexibility to manage home and community based waiver programs and access to the waiver program is not an “entitlement.”
 - Caps on enrollment
 - Different packages of services
 - Thresholds on expenditures
 - Eligibility for clients with higher incomes than under regular Medicaid
- However, once a person is enrolled on a waiver they are “entitled” to any service on that waiver that they are assessed as needing. They are also eligible for other Medicaid services.



DD operates four home and community-based waivers programs – each one has specific limits on benefits, services, and enrollees....

■ Basic & Basic Plus:

- Clients live with their family or in their own home. Basic Plus clients may live in an adult family home or residential setting.
- Services are limited and might include personal care, family support, respite, or employment & day programs.
- Yearly dollar limit for services. Limits are greater on the Basic Plus Waiver.

■ Core:

- Clients require residential habilitation services or live at home, but are at risk of institutionalization.
- Includes most of basic and basic plus services plus residential.

■ Community Protection

- Clients require 24-hour, on-site, staff supervision.
- Meet the DD criteria for “community protection” and client agrees to the community protection care plan.



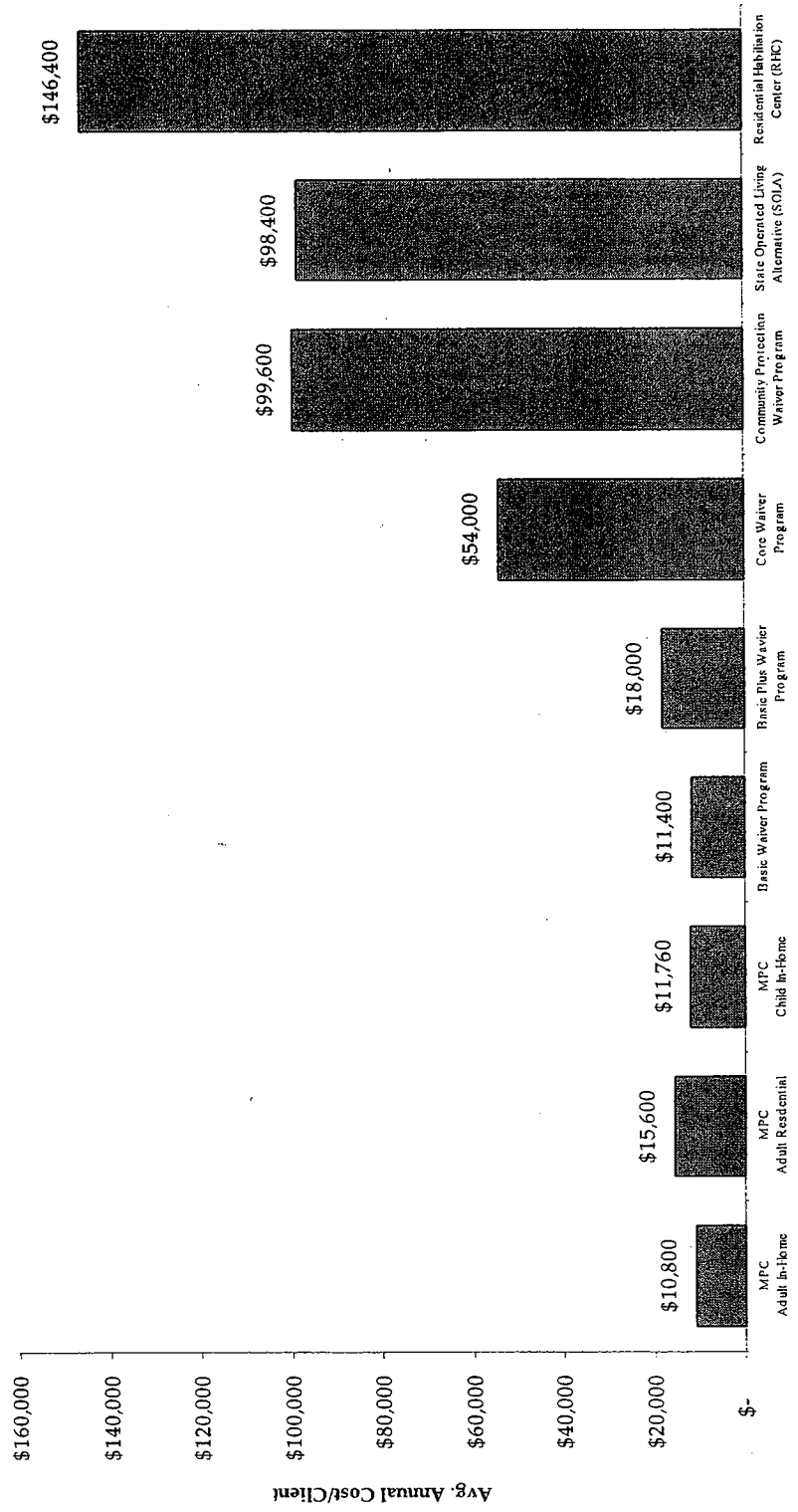
Income Eligibility for DD Clients

- Child in Institution or Waiver Program: 300% of SSI (223% FPL)
 - Under federal rules, children are not considered part of their parent's household, thus parental income and assets are ignored when determining financial eligibility.
- Adult in Institution or Waiver Program: 300% of SSI (223% FPL);
- Non-Institutional CN Aged and Disabled Adults: 100% of SSI (74% of FPL)



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Costs Associated with Various Residential Settings



*All expenditures, except RHC & SOLA, reflect the average cost based on expenditures from April 2004 through September 2004 as the new waivers were first implemented in April 2004. The estimates for RHCs include costs associated with room & board, while those costs are not included for other residential settings because it is paid with the client's SSI benefit. RHC & SOLA costs are FY04 averages from EMIS.



The cost of serving a client with developmental disabilities is not entirely reflected by the expenditures in the DD budget....

- In 2002 JLARC found that 81% of DD clients use other DSHS services:
 - 78% Medical Assistance Administration
 - 54% Economic Services Administration
 - 12% Mental Health Division
 - 12% Children and Family Services
- Average per capita cost for a disabled client in Medical Assistance in FY04:
 - \$609/month for categorically needy blind/disabled eligible client
 - \$810/month for medically needy blind/disabled eligible client



DDD operates five state-owned Residential Habilitation Centers (RHCs).

- Provide comprehensive 24-hour care and supervision. Care includes: room & board, personal care, training, therapies, recreation, and vocational services.
- Fully accredited and federally certified. Payment is either through the Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR) or the Nursing Facility section of the Medicaid program.
- Fircrest, Lakeland Village, and Yakima Valley all have nursing facility certified beds.

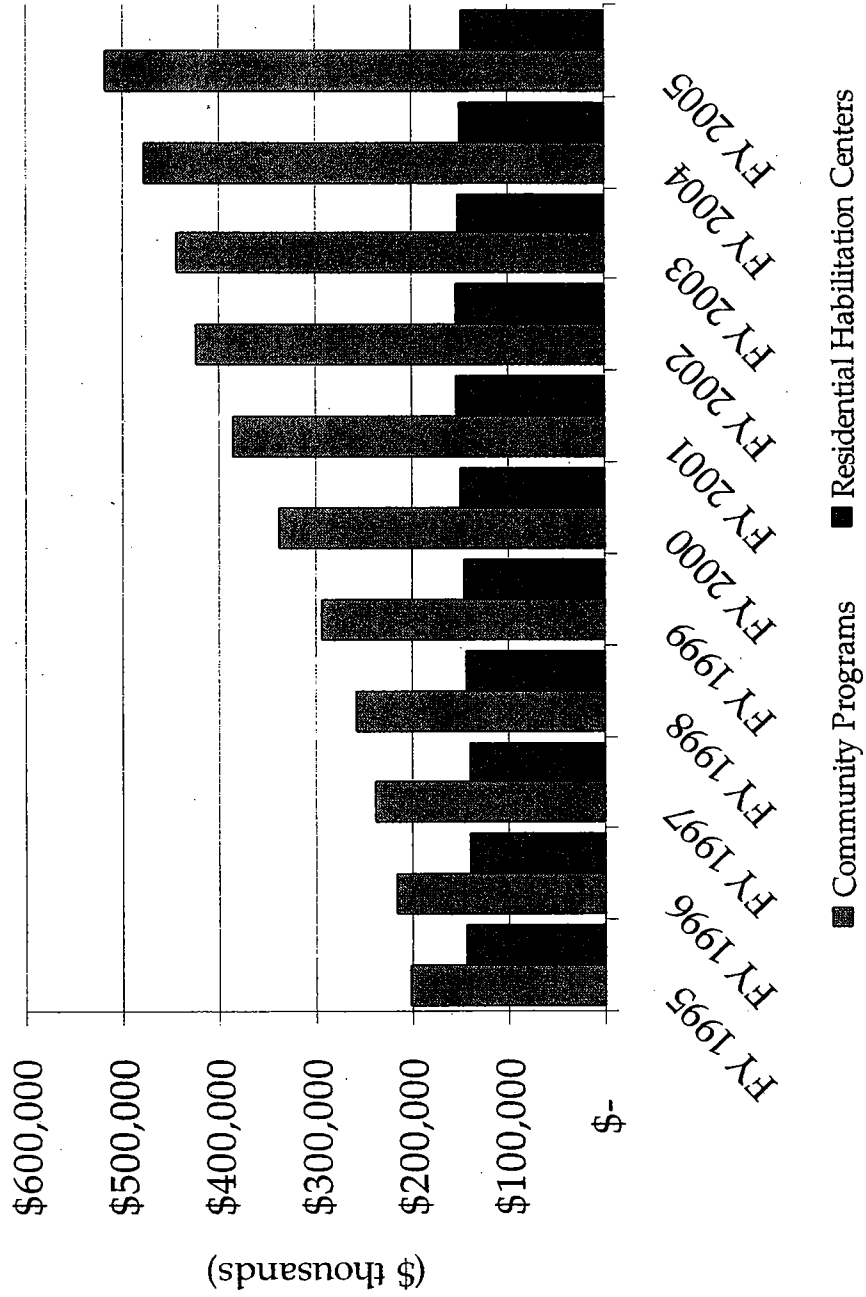
	Location	FY04 Expenditures (in thousands)	FY04 Census (FQY actuals)	FY04 AVG. Annual FTEs (actuals)
Fircrest	Shoreline	\$ 39,017	210	665
Frances Haddon Morgan	Bremerton	\$ 7,596	54	130
Lakeland Village	Medical Lake	\$ 31,008	248	546
Rainier	Buckley	\$ 54,743	399	969
Yakima Valley	Selah	\$ 15,267	108	275
Total		\$ 147,631	1,019	2,585

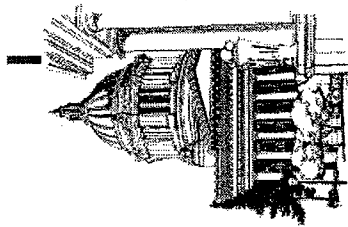
* The census numbers include respite clients. **FY04 expenditures and FTEs are from LEAP data.



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Spending on community programs has grown by 157% over the past decade while expenditures associated with institutions have remained fairly flat.





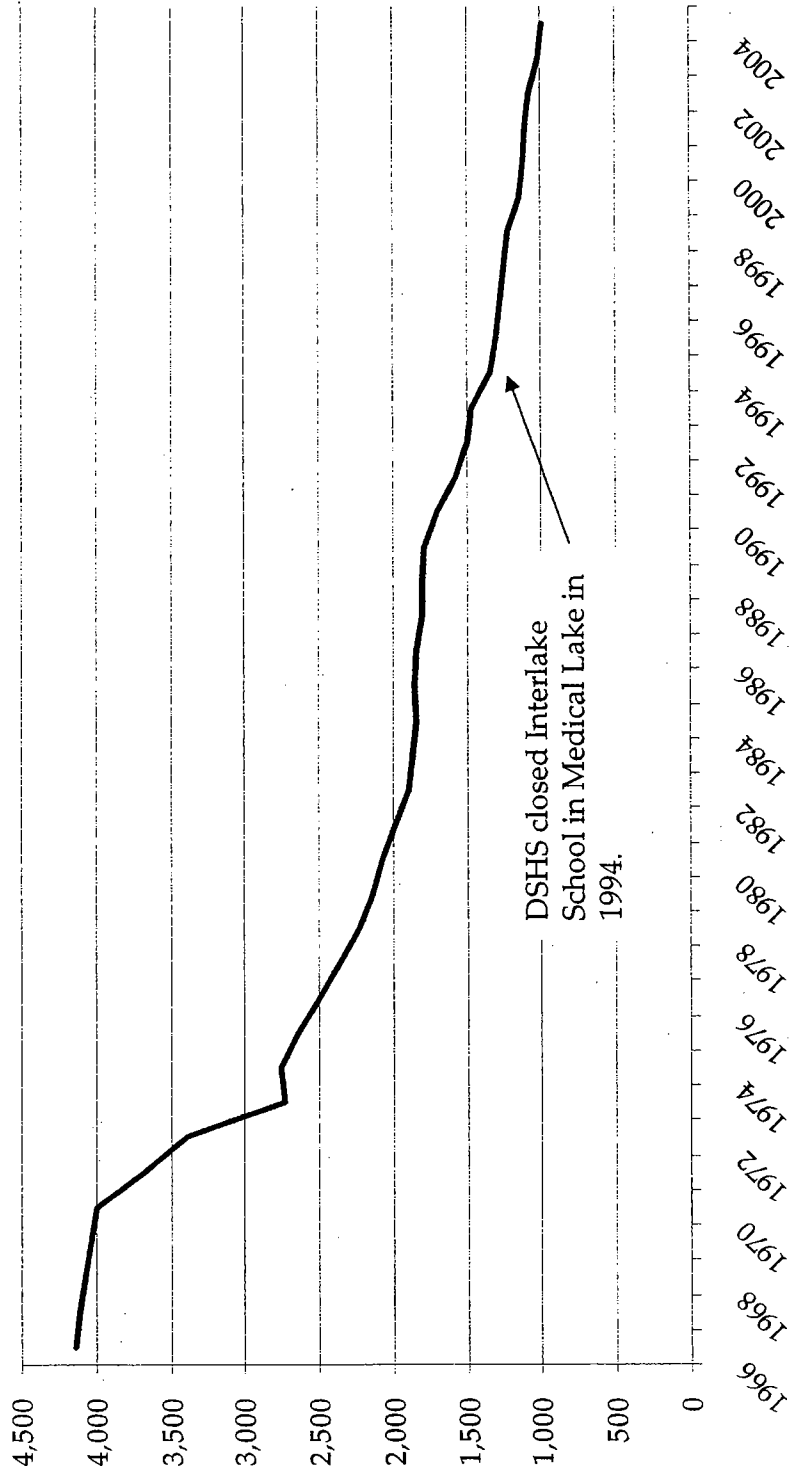
Governor Locke's Budget Proposal

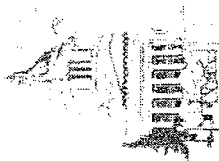
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The national trend towards de-institutionalization has resulted in a declining census at RHCs...

Washington DDD Institutional Historical Population (1966-2004)





Governor Locke's 2005-07 budget proposal for the Division of Developmental Disabilities

- Book 1 (current law): Increase of \$80.6 million state (11.8%), \$124.0 million total (9.4%) over 2003-05 biennium
- Major policy level changes include the following:

	\$ millions		
	Book 1		Book 2
	State	Total	Total
Program Enhancements			
1) Homecare Worker Wages (discussed in LTC briefing)	\$ 10.1	\$ 19.8	\$ 10.1 \$ 19.8
2) Agency Providers Cost of Living Increase (discussed in LTC briefing)	\$ 0.6	\$ 1.1	\$ 0.6 \$ 1.1
3) Targeted Vendor Rate Increase	\$ 7.6	\$ 16.4	\$ 7.6 \$ 16.4
4) High School Transition Funding for Waiver Clients	\$ 1.6	\$ 3.2	\$ 1.6 \$ 3.2
5) State Hospital Diversion & Discharge Placements	\$ 5.8	\$ 11.2	\$ 5.8 \$ 11.2
6) Community Protection Placements	\$ 1.8	\$ 3.3	\$ 1.8 \$ 3.3
7) Crisis Placements for Children	\$ 1.4	\$ 1.8	\$ 1.4 \$ 1.8
Program Reductions			
8) Lease, Medical Inflation, General Inflation, and Equipment Reduction	\$ (2.1)	\$ (4.2)	\$ (2.1) \$ (4.2)
9) Medicaid Personal Care Eligibility Change (discussed in LTC briefing)	\$ (2.3)	\$ (6.5)	\$ - \$ -
Other			
10) Closure of Fircrest School (net Aging & DD)	\$ 5.8	\$ 11.5	\$ 5.8 \$ 11.5



Targeted Vendor Rate Increase *Adds \$7.6 million GF-S, \$16.4 million Total*

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- Funding is provided for a 1.5 percent increase for Fiscal Year 2006 and 2.0 percent for Fiscal Year 2007 for selected categories of service providers.
- Providers receiving the vendor rate increase include:
licensed residential settings, supported living, adult family homes, adult residential care providers, and voluntary placement providers.



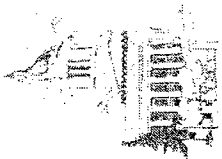
High School Transition Funding for Waiver Clients *Adds \$1.6 million GF-S, \$3.2 million Total*

- Funding is provided for on-going employment and day programs for young adults who:
 - will graduate from high school in 2006 & 2007; and
 - are on one of the waiver programs.
- Funds services for 341 clients at an annual cost of approximately \$6,000 per client.
- The Governor's budget does not provide any funding for young adults graduating from high school that are not on a waiver program.



Increase Community Residential Placements *Adds \$9.1 million GF-S, \$16.4 million Total*

- Placements for 97 clients being diverted or discharged from the state psychiatric hospitals. Each placement is funded at an annual cost of \$110,000/year (\$303/day).
- Placements for 18 clients with community protection issues. Each placement is funded at an annual cost of \$110,000/year (\$303/day).
- Placements for 24 children who are at risk of institutionalization. Each placement is funded at an annual cost of \$72,000/year (\$197/day).



In 2003, DSHS was directed to consolidate vacancies across RHCs and close four cottages at Fircrest School.

- The 2003-05 budget assumes that 80 Fircrest residents will be moved to other facilities or community settings.
- As of February 1, 2005, 76 Fircrest residents have moved:
 - 34 to Rainier School
 - 1 to Francis Haddon Morgan Center
 - 3 to Lakeland Village
 - 1 to Yakima Valley
 - 30 to Supported Living Community Placements
 - 2 to SOLAs
 - 5 to Nursing Facilities



Governor Locke's Fircrest Closure Proposal *Adds \$5.8 million State, \$11.5 million Total (net)*

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■ Net Cost in 2005-07:

- Community Placements (Adds \$4.2 million state, \$8.4 million total)
- RHC Operating Costs (Saves \$1.4 million state, \$2.8 million total)
- Nursing Facility Placements (Adds \$3.0 million state, \$5.9 million total)

■ Net Savings in 2007-09:

- Saves \$9.7 million State, \$19.4 million total funds

- Because Fircrest does not completely close until the second year of the 2005-07 biennium, savings associated with the closure do not mature until the 2007-09 biennium.

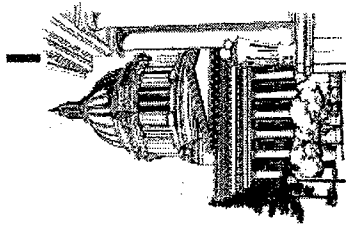


Governor Locke's Fircrest Closure Proposal

Major Assumptions

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- 204 Fircrest residents will be moved by January 2007:
 - 96 residents will transfer to other RHCs (Rainier, Lakeland Village, & Yakima Valley)
 - 49 residents will move to community based settings (est. cost per client is \$120,500/year or \$330/day)
 - 57 residents will move to nursing facilities (est. cost per client is \$104,800/year or \$287/day)
- 12 cottages (5 in FY06 & 7 in FY07) are closed at Fircrest by April 2007:
- Retains professional services provided at Fircrest (14.1 FTEs & \$2.1 million in on-going costs)
- Assumes \$1.8 million in unemployment benefit and relocation costs associated with displaced employees.



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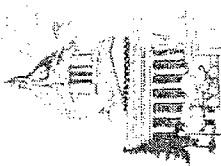
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CY 2004 Federal Poverty Level by Family Size

2004 Family Size	Annual Income By Percentage of Federal Poverty Level			
	100%	185%	200%	250%
			300%	
1	\$9,310.0	\$17,223.5	\$18,620.0	\$23,275.0
2	\$12,490.0	\$23,106.5	\$24,980.0	\$31,225.0
3	\$15,670.0	\$28,989.5	\$31,340.0	\$39,175.0
4	\$18,850.0	\$34,872.5	\$37,700.0	\$47,125.0
5	\$22,030.0	\$40,755.5	\$44,060.0	\$55,075.0
6	\$25,210.0	\$46,638.5	\$50,420.0	\$63,025.0
7	\$28,390.0	\$52,521.5	\$56,780.0	\$70,975.0
8	\$31,570.0	\$58,404.5	\$63,140.0	\$78,925.0
9	\$34,750.0	\$64,287.5	\$69,500.0	\$86,875.0
10	\$37,930.0	\$70,170.5	\$75,860.0	\$94,825.0



Costs to serve a client in an institution versus the community are difficult to compare.

- As the RHC census has declined, fixed costs (primarily facility-based) are spread over fewer clients.
- Client needs, rather than care setting, remain the largest cost driver.
- Clients who are expensive to serve in an institution tend to also be expensive to serve in the community, particularly when costs outside DDD are considered.
- The average budgeted cost for a client leaving an RHC as a result of funding provided in the DDD budget during the 03-05 biennium was \$110,000/year (\$300/day). This does not take into consideration room and board and medical assistance costs, which would add approximately \$35 per day.
- Because of client and service delivery variation, it is difficult to fairly compare costs.

TABLE 12
COMPLETED AND IN-PROGRESS CLOSURES OF
STATE-OPERATED 16+ INSTITUTIONS









State	Institution	Year Built/ Became MR	Original Use	# Residents, Closure Announcement	Year of Closure	Alternate Use
Alabama	Glenn Ireland	1986	MR Facility	20	1996	To be sold
Alaska	Harborview	1964	MR Facility	45	1997	Community Programs
Arizona	Phoenix	1974	MR Facility	46	1988	Commercial
	Tucson	1972	MR Facility	13	1997	Outreach Offices
California	Camarillo	1935	MR Facility	497	1998	University
	DeWitt	1942/1947	Army Hospital	819	1972	Placer County Recreation
	Modesto Unit	1943/1948	Army Hospital	1,394	1969	Modesto Co. Comm. College
	Napa	1875/1967	Asylum for MR/MI	30	1988	MI Use Only
	Stockton	1852	Asylum for MI	414	1996	University
Colorado	Pueblo	1935	MI/MR Facility	163	1989	Pueblo Regional Center
Connecticut	John Dempsey Center	1964			1998	Undetermined
	Mansfield	1906/1917	Epileptic Colony	146	1993	Corrections/U. of Connecticut
	New Haven	1964	MR Facility	56	1994	Job Corps
	Seaside	1961			1996	Administrative Offices
	Waterbury	1963/1972	Convent	40	1989	Administrative Offices
DC	Forest Haven	1925	MR Facility	1,000	1991	Private Rehab/PH Infirmary
Florida	Community of Landmark	1965	MR Facility	256	2005	Undetermined
	Orlando	1929/1959	TB Hospital	1,000	1984	Unoccupied: asbestos
	Tallahassee	1928/1967	TB Hospital	350	1983	Unoccupied: asbestos
Georgia	Brook Run	1969	MR Facility	364	1997	Undetermined
	Rivers' Crossing	1969	MR Facility	37	1994	Undetermined
Hawaii	Kula Hospital (privatized)	1984			1999	
	Waimano	1921	MR Facility	96	1999	Undetermined
Illinois	Adler	1967	MI/MR Facility	16	1982	Water Survey Offices
	Bowen	1965	MR Facility	105	1982	Corrections
	Dixon	1918	MR Facility	820	1987	Corrections/New MR Facility
	Galesburg	1950/1969	Army Hospital	350	1985	Head Start/Community Programs
	Meyer	1966/1970	MI Facility	53	1993	Women's Prison
Indiana	Central State	1848	MI/MR Facility	83	1994	Undetermined
	Muscatatuck	1920	MR Facility	287	2005	Undetermined
	New Castle	1907	Epileptic Village	200	1998	Corrections
	Northern Indiana	1943	MR Facility	53	1998	Undetermined
Kansas	Norton	1926/1963	TB Hospital	60	1988	Corrections
	Winfield	1888	MR Facility	250	1998	Undetermined
Kentucky	Frankfort	1860	MR Facility	650	1972	Demolition
	Outwood	1922/1962	TB Hospital	80	1983	Demolition/New Campus
Maine	Aroostook	1972			1995	
	Levinson	1971			1999	
	Pineland	1908	MR Facility	265	1996	Undetermined
Maryland	Victor Cullen	1908/1974	TB Hospital	79	1991	Private Juvenile Facility
	Great Oaks	1970	MR Regional Center	273	1997	Private Senior Retire. Community
	Henryton	1928/1962	TB Hospital	312	1985	Undetermined
	Highland Health	1870/1972	General Hospital	88	1989	Sold to Johns Hopkins University
Massachusetts	Belchertown	1922	MR Facility	297	1992	Vacant
	John T. Berry	1900/1963	TB Sanitarium	101	1995	Undetermined
	Paul A. Dever	1940/1946	P.O.W. Camp	294	2001	Undetermined
Michigan	Alpine	1937/1959	TB Hospital	200	1981	Notsego County Offices
	Caro	1914			1998	
	Coldwater	1874/1939	Orphanage	113	1987	Corrections
	Fort Custer	1942/1956	Army Hospital	1,000	1972	Back to U.S. Dept. of Defense
	Hillcrest	1905/1961	TB Hospital	350	1982	Demolition
	Macomb-Oakland	1967/1970	CDA	100	1989	Reverted to Community Dev.
	Muskegon	1969	MR Facility	157	1992	Vacant
	Newberry	1896/1941	MI Facility	39	1992	Vacant
	Northville	1952/1972	MI/MR Facility	180	1983	Revert to MI Use
	Oakdale	1895	MR Facility	100	1991	Vacant/County Negotiating
	Plymouth	1960	MR Facility	837	1984	County/State Offices
	Southgate	1977	MR Facility	55	2001	Undetermined
Minnesota	Brainerd	1958			1999	
	Faribault	1879	MR Facility	501	1998	Portion used by Corrections
	Fergus Falls	1969	Asylum for MI		2000	Regional MH Center
	Moose Lake	1938/1970	Psychiatric Hosp	34	1993	Corrections
	Owatonna	1895/1947	Orphanage	250	1970	Abuse
	Rochester	1879/1972	MI Facility	150	1982	Federal Corrections
	St. Peter	1968			1996	
	Willmar	1973			1996	

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New Hampshire	Laconia	1903	MR Facility	4	1991	Corrections
New Jersey	Edison	1975/1981	Corrections	70	1988	Sold at public auction
	Johnstone	1955	MR Facility	239	1992	Corrections
	North Princeton	1898/1975	Epileptic Colony	512	1998	Undetermined
New Mexico	Fort Stanton	1964	Army Apache Outpost	145	1995	Skilled Nursing/Respite
	Los Lunas	1929	MR Facility	252	1997	Community Based Program MR/DD
	Villa Solano	1964/1967	Missile Base	82	1982	Housing
New York	J.N. Adam	1912/1967	TB Hospital	180	1993	Undetermined
	Bronx	1977	MR Facility	217	1992	Plans Not Final
	Craig	1896/1935	Epilepsy Hospital	120	1988	Corrections
	Gouverneur	1962	MR Facility	N/A	1978	Leased site
	O.D. Heck	1972	MR Facility	274	1999	Administrative Offices; non-profit use
	Letchworth	1911	MR Facility	704	1996	Undetermined
	Long Island	1965	MR Facility	682	1993	Undetermined
	Manhattan	1919/1972	Warehouse	197	1991	OMRDD Office
	Newark	1878	Custodial Asylum	325	1991	Community College
	Rome	1825/1894	County Poorhouse	638	1989	Corrections
	Sampson	1860/1961	Naval Base	695	1971	Office of Mental Health
	Staten Island	1942/1952	Army Hospital	692	1987	OMRDD & Community College
	Syracuse	1851/1972	MR Facility	409	1997	Undetermined
	Valatie	1971	MR Facility	N/A	1974	Private Holdings and ICFs/MR
	Westchester	1932/1979	MI Facility	195	1988	Office of MH
	Wilton	1960	MR Facility	370	1995	Sold to private industry
North Dakota	San Haven	1922/1973	TB Hospital	86	1987	Vacant
Ohio	Broadview	1930/1967	TB Hospital	178	1992	City Administration Building/Retirement
	Cleveland	1855/1963	MI Facility	149	1988	Vacant/Negot. with City of Cleveland
	Orient	1898	MR Facility	800	1984	Corrections
Oklahoma	Hissom	1967	MR Facility	451	1994	Corrections/Educational
Oregon	Columbia Park	1929/1963	TB Hospital	304	1977	College
	Eastern Oregon	1929/1963	TB Hospital	240	1984	Corrections/Opened New MR Facility
	Fairview	1907	MR Facility	327	2000	Undetermined
Pennsylvania	Cresson	1912/1964	TB Hospital	155	1982	Corrections
	Embreeville	1880/1972	County Poorhouse	152	1998	Undetermined
	Holidaysburg	1974	MR Facility	60	1976	Revert to MI Use
	Laurelton	1920	MR Facility	192	1998	Undetermined
	Marcy Center	1915/1974	TB Hospital	152	1982	Vacant
	Pennhurst Center	1908	MR Facility	179	1988	Veterans' Medical Center
	Philadelphia	1983	MI/MR Facility	60	1989	Vacant
	Western	1962		133	1999	
	Woodhaven	1974	MR Facility	N/A	1985	Became private institution
Rhode Island	Dix Building	1945/1982	WPA	80	1989	Corrections
	Ladd Center	1907	MR Facility	292	1994	Undetermined
South Carolina	Clyde Street	1973	mothers	20	1995	Administrative Offices
	Live Oak	1987	Nursing home	50	1999	To be sold
South Dakota	Custer	1964	TB Hospital	76	1996	Boot camp for delinquent boys
Tennessee	Winston	1979			1998	
Texas	Forth Worth	1976	MR Facility	339	1995	Undetermined
	Travis	1934	MR Facility	585	1997	Undetermined
Vermont	Brandon	1915	MR Facility	26	1993	For Sale, Local Realty
Washington	Interlake School	1946/1967	Geriatric MI	123	1995	Other State Agency
West Virginia	Colin Anderson	1920s	MR Facility	85	1998	Possible Juvenile Corrections
	Greenbrier	1801/1974	Women's College	56	1994	Community College
	Spencer	1893	MI/MR Facility	150	1989	Vacant/Possible Corrections
	Weston	1864/1985	MI/MR Facility	99	1988	Revert to MI Use







Bills of Interest

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Bill #	Title	Description	Prime Sponsor	Status	Pos.
Developmental Disabilities					
SB 5141 HB 1107	Providing for early intervention services for children with disabilities.	Requires each school district to provide or contract for early intervention services by September 1, 2008.	Sen. Rasmussen Rep. Dickerson	Senate Ways & Means House Appropriations	
SB 5311	Creating an autism task force.	Creates an autism task force to study and make recommendations to the legislature.	Sen. Rasmussen	Senate Ways & Means	
HB 1040	Regarding the operations of residential habilitation centers.	Closes Fircrest School, an institution for people with developmental disabilities.	Rep. Sommers	House Children & Family Services	
HB 1416	Expanding the responsibilities of the caseload forecast council.	Adds developmental disability programs to the state's forecast of entitlement and waiver programs.	Rep. Miloscia	House Appropriations	
SB 5680 HB 1587	Regarding capital facilities at the Rainier school.	Repeals statutes that give WSU cognizance & control at Rainier School.	Rep. Shabro	Senate Ways & Means House Capital Budget	
HB 1519	Creating a developmental disabilities community trust account.	Directs the sale or lease of excess property and timber at Rainier School, Lakeland Village and Yakima Valley.	Rep. Shabro	House Capital Budget	
HB 1791	Creating a developmental disabilities community trust account.	Directs the lease of excess property and sale of timber at Rainier School, Lakeland Village and Yakima Valley.	Rep. Dunshee	House Capital Budget	
SB 5702	Creating developmental disabilities community trust account.	Directs the sale or lease of excess property and timber at Rainier School, Lakeland Village.	Sen. Zarelli	Senate Ways & Means	










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Education					
SB 5191	Providing for a comprehensive K-12 education finance study.	Requires a comprehensive study of the educational finance system, including potential changes to the current system.	Sen. Weinstein	Senate Ways & Means	Neutral
SB 5441 HB1380	Relating to studying early learning, K-12, and higher ed	Creates a comprehensive education study steering committee.	Sen. Weinstein Rep. Hunter	Senate Ways & Means House Appropriations	Neutral
SSB 5638	Changing student assessment provisions.	The approval of the legislature for any objective alternative assessment is eliminated.	Sen. McAuliffe	Senate Ways & Means	Neutral
SB 5757 HB 1616	Determining years of service for educational staff associate positions.	Allows occupational and physical therapists, speech-language pathologists to count non-school years of service	Sen. Rasmussen Rep. Hunter	Senate Education et. Al House Appropriations	
HB 1624	Improving children's health services.	Creates the joint legislative task force on student health.	Rep. Schual-Berke	House Health Care	
Health Care					
SB 5069 HB 1173	Establishing Family Leave Insurance	Provides limited income support for a reasonable period while an individual is away from work on family leave.	Sen. Keiser Rep. Dickerson	Senate Labor, Commerce, Research & Development House Commerce & Labor	
SB 5305	Prohibiting vaccinating pregnant women and children with mercury-containing vaccines.	Provides that a person who is known to be pregnant or who is under three years of age shall not be vaccinated with a mercury-containing vaccine.	Sen. Rasmussen	Senate Health & LTC	
SB 5703 HB 1705	Regarding medical assistance and physician recruitment.	Creates incentives for private health care providers to treat people on Medicaid and those who are uninsured.	Sen. Brandland Rep. Linville	Senate Health & LTC House Health Care	
SB 5771	Requiring coverage for neurodevelopmental therapies.	Removes age limit for neurodevelopmental therapy coverage.	Sen. Thibadeau	Senate Ways & Means	




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Justice					
HB 1876	Expanding voting rights of persons under guardianship.	Presumes the right to vote when guardianship is imposed.	Rep. Green	State Gov. Operations & Accountability	
HB 2126	Providing accommodations to dependent persons who are victims and witnesses	Increases access to the judicial system for dependent persons who are victims or witnesses.	Rep. Lantz	House Judiciary	
Housing					
HB 1629	Operating and maintenance of very low-income housing projects.	Changes language regarding allocation of maintenance & operating funds for Housing Trust fund housing.	Rep. O'Brien	House Housing	
HB 2026	Establishing the Washington rental assistance program.	Provides rental assistance to low-income people not receiving Section 8 housing.	Rep. Ormsby	House Housing	
Long Term Care					
SB 5442 HB 1220	Establishing a long-term care financing and chronic care management task force	Establishes a joint legislative and executive task force on long-term care financing and chronic care management.	Sen. Pouslen Rep. Morrell	Senate Health & LTC House Health Care	
SB 5687	Changing the number of residents allowed to reside in an adult family home.	Changes the number of residents allowed to reside in an adult family home from six to eight adults.	Sen. Deccio	Senate Health & LTC	
SB 5724 HB 1349	Requiring collective bargaining regarding hours of work for individual providers.	Prevents DSHS from creating rules that limit individual provider hours by making hours part of collective bargaining.	Sen. Kohl-Welles Rep. Conway	Senate Labor Commerce, Research & Development House Commerce & Labor	Neutral
SB 5899	Changing provisions relating to background checks.	Requires the WSP to disseminate all conviction data.	Sen. Kohl-Welles	Senate Human Services & Corrections	
HB 1078	Transferring the duties of the home care quality authority.	Moves the Home Care Quality Authority to DSHS and makes it advisory only.	Rep. Fromhold	House Health Care	
HB 2164	Limiting Liability	Limits DSHS liability in elder & child abuse	Rep. Kagi	House Judiciary	

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Mental Health					
HB 1005	Creating a consumer-advocate run mental health service delivery system.	Declares that regional support networks, or its designee, shall provide consumer or advocate-run services.	Rep. O'Brien Sen. Berkey	House Health Care Senate Human Services & Corrections	
SB 5450 SHB 1154	Mental Health Parity	Requires mental health services insurance coverage be the same as medical.	Sen. Thibodeau Rep. Schual-Berke	Senate Health & LTC Senate Health & LTC	
Transportation					
SB 5394 HB 1090	Relating to transportation system signage using icons and pictograms.	Promotes the use of icons and pictograms that incorporate commonly accepted symbols.	Sen. Prentice Rep. Hudgins	Senate Transportation House Rules	
SB 5580 HB 1711	Accessible Parking Signs	Revises accessible parking signs to remove "disabled" language.	Sen. Regala Rep. Wallace	Senate Transportation House Transportation	